

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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LIBERALISED PENSION TO WAR WIDOWS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Army took up the proposal to get the liberalised pension to war widows exempted from Income-tax;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said proposal was made;
- (c) whether this proposal has since been accepted by the Ministry of Finance;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Ministry of Defence has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance for early clearance of the proposal; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Ministry of Finance thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f): The proposal was made in May, 2001. The issue being a policy matter relating to taxation, is under active consideration of the Ministry of Finance from all possible angle and a decision in the matter is likely to be taken in due course.